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## STORY SO FAR

THE WILD WEST... A DANGEROUS FRONTIER WHERE THE ONLY LAW IS THE GUN. MINGCHAO ISN'T ABOUT TO LET A FEW OUTLAWS KEEP HER FROM HER HOLLYWOOD DREAMS! SHE HAS THE ETO GUN, A MYSTERIOUS WEAPON THAT USES THE SPIRITS OF THE ZODIAC ANIMALS TO FIRE UNSTOPPABLE BULLETS. TOGETHER WITH AN UNLIKELY BUNCH OF TRAVELING COMPANIONS, MINGCHAO IS HEADING WEST TO BECOME A STAR!

FUTURA THE MAGICIAN STIRS UP TROUBLE WITH HIS MAGIC SHOW AND REUNITES MINGCHAO WITH BASKERVILLE. HOWEVER, SPARKS FLY AS A FIGHT WITH BLUSH ABRUPTLY INTERRUPTS THE REUNION. THE THREE OF THEM END UP IN THE SHIP'S BOILER ROOM. THINGS GET TOO HOT TO HANDLE WHEN THE ETO GUN GETS DROPPED INTO THE BOILER AND BASKERVILLE STICKS HIS HAND IN TO RETRIEVE IT!





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## THE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP



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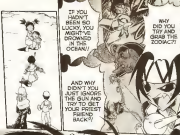
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I'VE ALWAYS  
DECEIVED PEOPLE,  
SINCE I WAS A KID.  
I WOULD HAVE  
WANTED TO GET  
MY HANDS ON  
BLOOD... I  
WANTED...



UNLIVE  
ARE...



THAT'S WHAT  
ATTRACTS  
PEOPLE TO  
HER.

...WAS THE TRUE  
MURDERER OF  
MY FATHER.

THE ONLY  
PERSON  
THAT I EVER  
CONSIDERED A  
FRIEND...



THAT  
BASTARD,  
BLUSHY, I'LL  
NEVER LET  
HIM GET AWAY  
WITH IT!

AND ON TOP OF  
THAT, HE FOOLLED  
ME INTO THINKING  
THAT RINCHOU  
WAS THE ONE  
WHO DID IT!



THAT'S GREAT.  
THAT'S JUST  
THE WAY  
SHE IS.

BUT HEY,  
WHAT'S  
THE BIG  
DEAL,  
ANYWAY?  
AT LEAST  
I MADE IT,  
RIGHT?



SHUT UP,  
I  
MEAN, WHEN  
I HEAR THE  
ZODIAC  
TALKING,  
IT'S LIKE MY  
BODY MOVED  
ON ITS OWN!



OH, NOOOO!  
PROBABLY, I, WHAT  
EVER HAPPENED TO  
BLUSHY, I DON'T  
SEE HER HERE!  
DON'T TELL ME YOU  
KILLED HER,  
DID YOU?



HA HA...  
THAT'S OUR  
MISCHIEF.



SHE HAS A  
HABIT OF  
THROWING  
HER OWN LIFE  
INTO DANGER  
FOR OTHERS.

KEEP IT

KEEP IT

THAT'S  
THE  
REASON  
THAT  
I'M  
STAYING  
CLOSE!



OH...  
MAYBE  
NOT...



SURE!  
WHAT'S THE  
HARM?



WING CHAO...



OH, BUT  
YOU CAN'T  
GO AND KILL  
BLUSH. IT'S  
ONLY GOIN' TO  
CATCH HIM.

NEEDLE,  
YOU  
ALREADY  
HELPED  
US ONCE  
ON THE  
SHIP!



OH! OH!  
LISTEN UP,  
GUYS!

MR.  
PRIEST'S  
GOT HIS  
MEMORY  
BACK!



BARBER-  
VILLE  
GOT HIS  
MEMORY  
BACK!



I-DO THAT  
CASE, I'M  
COMING  
ALONG,  
TOO!

BLUSH  
IS  
GOING  
TO  
NY!



WE HAVE TO  
BE VERY  
QUICK!

IT'S TRUE!  
WE TRIED  
TO SAVE HE  
WHEN I WAS  
FALLING FROM  
THAT HOT-AIR  
BALLOON!



I'M  
GOING,  
TOO!

AND I COULDN'T  
BLUSH HAS  
OVER US  
THE MONEY,  
SO HE'S  
PROBABLY  
HEADED TO  
NEW YORK  
AS WELL!







BIG!  
SHHH!  
NOT SO LOUD!

OWA HA HA

HA HA HA!  
IT'S BEEN  
AGES  
SINCE I'VE  
HAD SUCH  
A BORNY  
DINNER  
TABLE!



DOPE!  
ALMOST  
FORGOT!



I GOT  
ANOTHER  
BIG HAIR  
TODAY,  
SO I CAN  
GIVE YOU A  
FEAST!

HOW  
ABOUT YOU  
STAND  
THE NIGHT  
AT MY  
PLACE?



WELL, NO  
MATTER, SO I  
HEAR YOU'RE  
ALL HERE  
FOR MY, SH?  
TOO LATE TO  
LEAVE  
TODAY!

JOHNNY  
WE'VE  
NOT  
LIES



HE DOESN'T  
GIVE US  
ANY  
FATHER  
AND  
SON  
WANTING  
THE  
ATTENTION



YOU  
TWO  
LOOK  
LIKE  
FATHER  
AND  
SON

WASH'S  
REALLY  
TAKEN  
A  
LIKING  
TO  
YOU  
HAIR?



THERE'S  
STILL  
PLENTY  
MORE!

I'LL  
EAT  
UP  
THE  
SEA-  
MON!

NO  
FISH!  
THAT  
WAS  
MY  
PRIZE!





GWA  
HA  
HA!

AND THE SHIRTS  
RAN OFF,  
CRYING  
LIKE A  
BABY!

OF  
COURSE  
NOT! I  
SWACKED  
HIM ONE  
GOOD!

AND JUST  
WHO ARE  
YOU CALLING  
A SHIRTS?



!!

FRANKLIN!  
HE'S BACK!



WELL...  
NOT  
EXACTLY.

WITH THIS  
BANDY FISH,  
YOU MUST  
BE MAKING  
A FORTUNE!



HE'S A  
GRODDY THING  
WHO CLAIMS  
HE'S GOING  
TO SWACK  
THE FISH  
MARKET LIKE HE  
CONTROLLED  
CATTLE.

I HAVE TO PAY  
HIM HALF OF THE  
FOOD I MAKE  
SELLING FISH.  
IF I DON'T,  
HIS HENCHMEN  
WILL SWACK UP  
MY HOUSE AND  
BONE.

THERE'S A  
BUSINESSMAN  
THAT'S  
SHOWED UP  
IN THE AREA,  
WHO'S TRYING  
TO TAKE OVER  
THE FISH  
MARKET.



AND YOU HAVE  
TO PUT UP  
WITH ALL OF  
THAT?

I CAN'T  
SELLING  
BANDY FISH  
WOULD  
DO THAT IN  
A TOWN!





I SEE. AN  
ETO-SUN  
FAKE. SHP  
DIDN'T HAVE  
ME FOOLED  
FOR AN  
INSTANT!

WHY, HONK.  
THAT'S NOT  
THE SAME  
ONLY IT LOOKS  
A LOT LIKE IT,  
BUT IT'S NOT  
THE ETO SUN!

SO, YOU KNOW  
ABOUT THE ETO  
SUN, BUT YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT THE  
ZODIAC, HM?



TAKE  
THAT!  
POOR  
BULLET!

I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
WHETHER  
OR NOT  
THIS  
THING'S A  
FAKE!

A  
FISH  
— 75 —



TH-THAT  
SUN IS—!



HMP?

?





IF YOU WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE, BLAME THE BRAT WHO OWNS THE ETO-GUN!



COULD IT BE ONLY SHE COULDN'T SHOOT HIM WITH THE PRICES RULING, THAT SHE'D WOULD BE...



ARMED MAN WHO SHOULDN'T BE HERE!



ARMED MAN WHO SHOULDN'T BE HERE!



TEK TEK TEK. NO SUDEN MOVES. I HAVE NO GUILDS DEALING WITH YOU TWO FIRST!



CHICK HATE!



G-PLEASE STOP! IF IT'S FISH YOU WANT, I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU! JUST DON'T HURT HER!



I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE STINKING FISH ANYMORE. I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

SORRY, BUDDY, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT. THAT GUN OF MINE BELONGS BACK SOME NOT-VERY-UNPLEASANT MEMORIES!







I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT YOU  
GUYS ARE  
PLANNING,  
THOUGH!



CHANG!  
I'LL  
TRY IT!



GO!  
PIECE'S  
BULLET!



HUNG  
WHAT'S  
THAT  
LIGHT?



BUT IT  
WOEN'T  
WORK IF  
I TRY TO  
SHOOT A  
PIECE'S  
BULLET--



BIG?



USE  
THAT  
FIRST  
TWO



JUST  
DO IT!

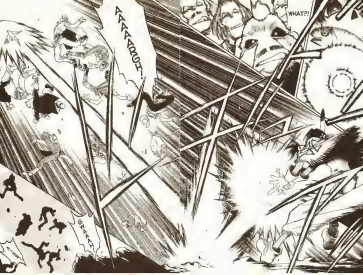


ALTER-  
NATIVE IN  
PROGRESS!



HURRY  
UP,  
DICK!

B-  
BULLET



AAAAAHHH!

WHAT?!

AAAAAHHH!



"TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT FISH YOU'RE HOLDING."



"OH! I GOT IT! IT'S CALLED A 'FLYING FISH'."

"IT'S HERE! THIS FISH HAS WINGS."



"SEEMING AS IF IT CAN FLY OUTSIDE OF THE WATER, I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS."

"WHEN IN DANGER, THIS FISH USES ITS 'WINGS' TO FLY OUT OF THE WATER."



"WHAT ABOUT ALTER-NATE?"

"OH NO!"



"HOW THE—"



"YOU BLEW TRANKOLIN AND HER BOON'S RIGHT OUT OF HERE!"

"SIS, YOU DID IT!"



"WHO WAS I ABLE TO SHOOT THE OTHER BULLET?"

"WHAT A BULLET WENT JUST HAPPEN-BOY!"













YOU'D BETTER  
MAKE IT  
BACK SAFELY.  
I'VE HEARD  
I AM YOUR  
GRANDP.  
AFTER ALL.



I'M THE ONE  
WHO SHOULD  
BE THANKING  
YOU! YOU  
SAVED THE  
ENTIRE  
TOWN!

THANKS  
FOR ALL  
YOUR  
HELP,  
GRANDP.



EPISODE 38 END







AND NOW  
THAT  
HE'S  
STUPID  
FULL OF  
DOLLS,  
HE CAN  
NEVER BE  
SAVED  
FROM  
DEATH.



AND NOW  
MUCH MORE  
CONVENIENT  
WOULD IT BE  
THAT GALT  
HAD LOST HIS  
MEMORY.

HOW WITH  
EVERYONE  
GONE, MY  
LITTLE PUPPET  
IS THE ONLY  
PERSON LEFT  
WHO CAN FIND  
THE STO GUN.

VICTORY IS MINE.



COULD HE  
BE STRONG  
ENOUGH  
AGAIN?



AND HE  
DOESN'T  
LOOK AS  
SINGLE...

HE  
MEANS  
TO GO TO  
ATTACK HIM  
EVEN IN HIS  
SLEEP.

SPEAK-  
ING OF  
WHICH, HE'S  
BEEN  
OUTLINED  
GREAT!



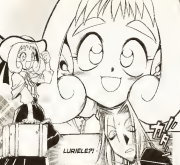
IS HE BECOMING  
STRONGER TO  
MY CHARGE? IT  
COULDN'T BE  
THAT CHILD'S IN  
ITS PUREST FORM!



AND ONLY  
THREE MORE  
DAYS LEFT.  
BE AGAIN IN  
NEW YORK. THE  
BOSS WILL  
BE ABOUT  
PLEASED.

I HAVE THE  
STO GUN AND  
KNOW JUST  
HOW TO  
USE IT.





LURNELE??



OH, MR. PRIEST!  
IS THAT YOU?

HUM?



AS LONG AS WE'RE  
HERE, I WON'T AS WELL  
KNOW THE MOUNTAIN  
OF MY BROTHERS' BONES  
WAS AT THE BOTTOM  
THAT I'LL KNOW THAT  
MUCH ANOTHER  
THE MOUNTAIN



EKK!

OH... I  
DON'T THINK  
SHE NOTICED.



BUT I CAN  
WALK ON MY  
OWN TWO  
FEET.

I'M SO  
SICK,  
MAYBE I'M  
TRAVELING  
ALONE, AND  
WITH ALL  
THIS HEAVY  
BAGGAGE.

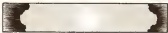
OH, NO,  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT,  
LITTLE  
SIST?

THAT VOICE...  
I'VE HEARD IT  
BEFORE ..



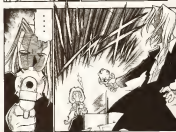
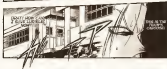














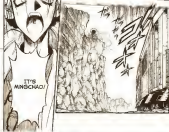
NOT  
JUST  
ONE  
OF A  
HAUTE



WHAT WOULD  
HINSCHAO  
DO AT A  
TIME LIKE  
THIS?







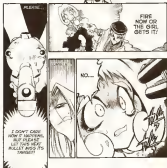








THING...?







...THAT  
COW  
BULLET  
ABOUT

I'M  
GONNA  
BLAST  
THIS

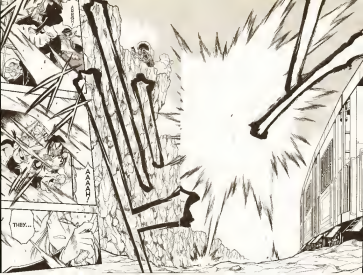
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## A NEW PROMISE





—GOD—

AAAAA

THEY...





THEY  
DISAP-  
PEARED!



A  
SHAD-  
OW?



YES, ONE OF  
THEM WAS  
CANCELLED  
OUT, HOWEVER...



...THE OTHER  
ONE'S STILL  
GOING!



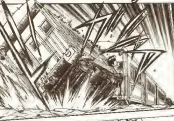
THANKS TO  
FINDING THAT  
ZODIAC IN  
THE MICK  
OF TIME!

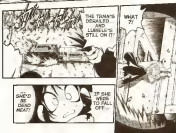
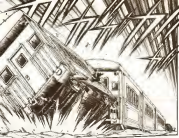
WE  
WE  
SEARCH!



CURSE THAT  
FINDING WHAT  
KIND OF  
BULLET WAS  
THAT!!

THE TWO  
BULLETS  
CANCELLED  
EACH OTHER  
OUT AND  
DISAP-  
PEARED!



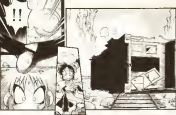




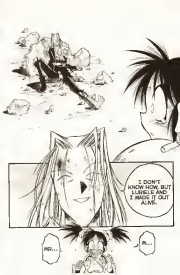


















AND THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LOSE MY GRANDFATHERS ETO GUN TO HIM!

I CAN'T LET AN ETO WOMAN LIKE HER GET AWAY WITH THAT!



...TO LOSE YOU AGAIN.

...I COULDN'T HEAR...



THE CLOSER WE GET TO NEW YORK, THE MORE DANGEROUS THINGS WILL BE.

THIS WILL TAKE LONGER THAN I THOUGHT, AND WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'VE MADE ON THIS CRASH!

HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE SPIN, GETS POWER.

I'M INSIDE TOO!

WAIT, I'M FORGOTTEN!



AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT A COWARD AND SCOUNDREL MAN HE IS. I'LL HUNT HIM DOWN RELENTLESSLY UNTIL HE HAS THE ETO GUN BLIND IN HIS HANDS.

TO HAVE PATTERN WORSE COMRADES HAS PROBABLY PRECLUDED THE FACT I HAVE ONLY FRAGMENTS OF MEMORY LOSS.



I'M WORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING HE'S BEEN HIDING UP UNTIL NOW.

SCHEM TO RUN THE ROOM, BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THAT BARKERVILLE USED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SYNDICATE.



RIGHT

YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT, TOO.



THANKS, BUT YOU ARE STILL CONSIDERED A THREAT TO NEW YORK WITH ME.

















YOU DID FIND  
EVEN A  
SCRAP OF  
CLOTHING  
WILL  
SUFFICE.



YOU SURE  
THEY'LL BE  
ENOUGH?



WITH THAT,  
I'LL BE ABLE TO  
BRING DOWN FRO  
IN A SECOND.

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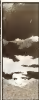
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# A HUNTER'S SONG OF REVENGE

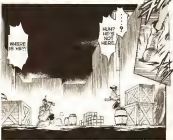






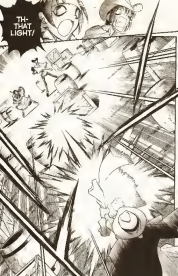




















IT'S  
OVERSIZING  
FINDO.



DANG,  
THIS  
THING'S  
PERIOD-  
TENT!

CRASHAWASH WAS  
HOLDING FINDO'S  
CLIPPING UP  
WHEN SHE FIRED  
THE GUN. SO...



WAS FINDO  
SEEN  
TARGET  
FROM THE  
START?



AHH!



THAT MUST  
BE IT!



IT'S  
GONNA  
HIT ME!



IT'S NO GOOD!  
IT JUST  
KEEPS  
CHASING US!



IT...  
AVOIDED  
ME!

!!



JUST WHAT  
TYPE OF  
FARREAL  
ESSENCE  
IS THAT  
BULLET  
USING??



SURE  
WITH THE  
BARREL ON  
IT THOUGHT  
NOTHING OF  
TACK...



WHAT?  
O!



HEY!  
OVER  
HERE,  
DOG!



A A A H!



THIS  
IS THE  
END  
FOR  
YOU!



YOU IDIOT!  
GET AWAY!



!



COME ON,  
ALTERNATE!  
SNIP OUT  
OF IT!



ALTERNATE!



BLORN WAS  
PRETTY TOUGH  
AND IT STILL  
TOOK HOURS  
FOR HIM TO  
RECOVER.



NOT LIKE IT  
THAT WAS A  
DIRTY HIT  
WITH THE  
PICO GUN.



THE  
BULLET  
PI



IT DIDN'T  
TAKE HIM  
LONG TO  
FIGURE OUT  
JUST WHAT  
KIND OF  
BULLET IT  
WAS.



THIS GUY  
IS A LOT  
SMARTER  
THAN I GAVE  
HIM CREDIT  
FOR.







SO THAT'S  
WHAT HE  
WAS UP  
TO.



HE  
WON'T BE  
WAKING  
UP ANY  
TIME  
SOON.



THE DOG  
BULLET CAN  
TRACK A TARGET  
BY SCENT, MUCH  
LIKE A REAL DOG.  
WOULDN'T YOU  
SAY?



SO NEXT  
IT'S YOUR  
TURN.

CLARKE  
FOUR

NO...



A  
DOG?  
PI?



THAT WAS A  
BULLET MADE  
FROM THE  
HAIR OF  
THIS DOG.

CORRECT.

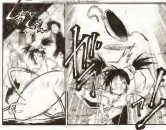


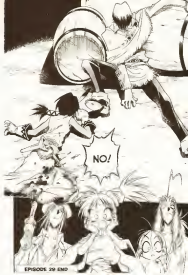




...IN THE  
AFTERLIFE!







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EPISODE 30

TIME GAINED



MY DAD...  
SAVED ME.



WHAT? HOW  
COULD YOU  
WESKIN  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS SO  
FAST? THAT  
BULLET WAS A  
DIRECT HIT!



IT MUST HAVE  
DUELED THE  
BULLET'S  
IMPACT?



THAT'S  
BOSCO'S  
WEDDING  
COVER COAT!

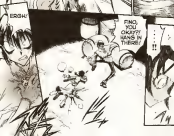
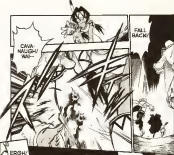


FINE THEM!  
I'LL JUST  
SLICE YOU  
BOTH UP!



...AND LET  
YOU HURT  
FINO!

I'M  
NOT  
ABOUT  
TO GET  
SAVED  
BY





DON'T WORRY, SHE'LL COME BACK IT.



OH NO! SHE, YOU ALIVE! PLEASE! DON'T LEAVE ME!



ALTERNATE! WHERE ARE YOU HIDE? ANSWER US!

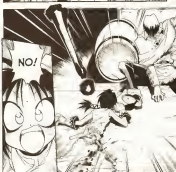


THANK GOODNESS! THAT!



ARE WE SAFE OF THE GOBLIN?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW! BUT, I'VE SEEN A FEW GOBLIN AND ONLY ONE IS LEFT.



NO!



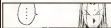


I KNOW  
OF ONE  
PERSON  
WHO  
WOULD  
HAVE  
ANESTHETIC.



PLEASE!  
DON'T  
TOUCH  
MY  
MED-  
CHIEF!

HOW CAN'T  
YOU HAVE  
ANY LOOK  
AT ALL THESE  
BOTTLES? ONE  
OF THEM'S  
GOTTA WORK,  
RIGHT?



...



BUT I  
DON'T  
HAVE  
ANESTHETIC  
IN A HEAD.



WHAT DO YOU  
WANT, TAKE THEM  
HOME? MY DAD IS  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE A HOSPITAL,  
DON'T IT? DON'T  
THINK ABOUTING  
YOU CAN DO FOR  
THAT?



AS FOR THE GIRL,  
THE OFFICE OF  
CORRELATION TO  
DETERMINE THE  
ILLUSTRATION IN  
THIS CASE.

YOUR NAME  
WILL BE  
RECORDED IN  
THE TO THIRTEEN  
MAGAZINE.



THAT  
PERSON  
IS...



MR.  
PRIEST,  
ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?



PLEASE, MR.  
PRIEST, WE  
HAVE TO  
SAVE MY DAD  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE!

THEN  
WHERE  
IS HE?  
IS HE IN  
TOWN?



THERE'S  
NO WAY A  
POOR LITTLE  
HOSPITAL LIKE  
THIS COULD  
AFFORD IT.

IT'S A VERY  
EXPENSIVE  
CLASSROOM.

WHAT?



OH  
NO...



I COULD  
PERFORM  
SURGERY  
WITHOUT THE  
ANESTHETIC,  
BUT I DOUBT  
HE COULD  
ENDURE THE  
PAIN.





MAN, I'M  
TELLING  
YOU!



AFTERNOON  
BOYS, GOT A  
MESSAGE?

KEEP IT  
DOWN, WILL  
YOU? YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
WAS CAUSE  
BEHIND DO  
OF OUR LEGEND  
FIGHT

WITH  
THAT  
WOMAN  
ABOLING, WE  
NEVER  
GET A  
MESSAGE



YOU BOYS  
LOOKING FOR  
SOME FUN  
TONIGHT?



AND  
YOU'RE—

BEHIND THE  
DOOR, AND  
SHOOTING  
UP ON US  
AND THAT?



HOW CAN  
HE JUST SIT  
BACK AND  
DO NOTHING  
WHEN MY  
SISTER'S IN  
SUCH PAIN?

I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
YOU TO BE SUCH  
A GENTLE  
GUY!



I'LL DO IT  
THE MIDDLE  
MYSELF!

THAT'S IT!  
I'M NOT  
DEPENDENT  
ON ANYONE  
ANymore



BEHIND THE DOOR?



HOLD  
IT.



















SENKETSU...  
EVEN  
AFTER YOU  
HELPED ME  
ESCAPE...



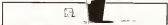
I PROMISE  
I'LL COME  
FOR YOU  
SENKETSU! I  
PROMISE!

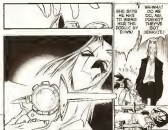


OUCH  
!!!











!!

AM  
YOU'RE  
ARRIVE.  
PERFECT.

THE SUN WILL BE  
UP AT ANY MINUTE.  
IT'LL BE THE LAST  
SUNRISE THAT YOU  
EVER SEE.



TO BE CONTINUED



Not withstanding, it is a  
very curious, is it not?

Is it not that? I don't think  
it is all the same, but I  
think it is. I think it is  
the same, is it not?

J. W. M.

## NEXT TIME IN...



AFTER RECOVERING FROM THE DAMAGE DEALT BY CAVANAGH, THE GANG GOES OUT TO SAVE BASKATE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ZODIAC. THEY REST OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE THEY ARE TAKEN IN BY A FRIENDLY BEAR-LOOKING FATHER AND HIS SICK DAUGHTER, CORNELIA, WHOSE LITTLE TAVERN IS THREATENED BY A HONKY-TONK LAWYER. LATER, BASKERVILLE REALIZES THAT THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT CORNELIA'S SICKNESS. WHAT IS ITS MYSTERIOUS CAUSE, AND HOW IS THE ORGANIZATION INVOLVED?



I used to  
call him  
"teacher."

Sorry, but he died  
recently. He was such  
a pretty and cute  
thing, too.. Maybe  
he was actually a  
"she"...

R10



# WANTED



## CAVANAUGH DEAD OR ALIVE \$32,000

Now that she's been reunited with her friends, Minghees and the others try to help a fisherman whose business is going down the drain. But when a greedy and corrupt businessman lures the gang with a cracked scheme, will our action-gam-bleing hero take the bait? Let's hope things are wrapped up soon, because the shotgun action is just heating up. Cavanaugh wants to test if Ray is still under her control, so she orders him to shoot at Minghees...which means that this volume of *El Estero* is sure to end with a bang!

